



## Mitchell Davis "Mitch" Williams, Sr.

February 4, 1923 - March 29, 2018

Visitation for Mitchell Davis "Mitch" Williams, Sr., age 95, of Decatur, will be Monday, April 2, 2018, from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home. Private graveside service will follow visitation.

Mr. Williams, who died Thursday, March 29, 2018, at Summerford Nursing Home, was born February 4, 1923, in St. Louis, MO, to Jesse Williams and Pearl South Williams. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Johnnie, and his sister, Nadine.

Mr. Williams was a Marine during World War II, serving in Hawaii, the Philippines, and the island of Emaroo. He was the last survivor of his WWII squadron, the Marine Scout Bombing Squadron 142.

Mitchell loved art and wanted to become a cartoonist after the War. When Mitchell returned from WWII, he married the love of his life, Johnnie B. Hoover, on October 19, 1946. He attended the American Academy of Art in Chicago, and was also a student at the Advertising Art School in Chicago. He worked at the Decatur Hosiery Mill for 10 years. After leaving the Hosiery Mill, Mr. Williams became a patent draftsman at Monsanto (then Chemstrand), working there 25 years. On many occasions, Mitchell was contracted by the Decatur Daily, architecture firms, private companies, and Redstone Arsenal to use his artistic talent to draw new churches, houses, machinery, and political

candidates for The Decatur Daily.

He was a lifelong member of 16th Avenue Baptist Church, serving as a deacon, 11th and 12th grade boys Sunday School class teacher, and member of the choir.

He is survived by his children: James Thomas "Tom" Williams of Decatur; Mitch Williams, Jr. (Vail) of Bristol, TN; and Becky Wakefield (Brian) of Hoover, AL. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Audrey Voskuilen (Marcel) of Amersfoort, Netherlands; and Caroline Janeway (Paul) of Birmingham, AL; Kellye Potocki (Paul) of Denver, CO; and Brett Wakefield of Mt. Olive, AL; and a host of nephews and nieces.

The family wishes to thank Summerford Nursing Home for the excellent care Mr. Williams received during the past four years.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to Gideons International, P. O. Box 5111, Decatur, AL 35601.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Mitchell was one of the sweetest, funniest and loving people I know. He loved his family dearly and is reunited with his precious Johnnie now. We love you all and are praying for comfort and peace as you remember him always in your hearts* ”



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**Sara Hoover** - April 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM